

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, KS**

February 28, 2023

Commission met for payday and other business at 9:00 a.m. in Commission chambers at the Marion County Courthouse with Chr. David Mueller, Comm. Kent Becker, Comm. Dave Crofoot, and Comm. Randy Dallke present in person and Comm. Jonah Gehring present via teleconference. Also present was Co. Clerk Tina Spencer. Present for portions of the meeting were Co. Counselor Brad Jantz via teleconference, County staff, members of the public and members of the press.

PAYDAY: Sale tax for the month of December was received in the amount of \$141,717.29.

- The monthly comp-time report was reviewed. A detailed list of expenditures by fund was reviewed. Gehring moved to approve payments to Western Associates totaling \$1,190.75. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0 with Crofoot abstaining due to conflict of interest (abstention counted with majority prevailing).
- **Fire Departments Pass Through Grant Request:** Marion County fire departments submitted a written request for the County to purchase an inflatable training aid for use at Safe Kids Day and other events at a cost of \$12,655.00 to be reimbursed by the Sunflower Wind project. After discussion, Mueller moved to approve the pass-thru funding / purchase. Gehring seconded and motion carried 4-1 with Becker opposed.
- Gehring moved to approve the grand total payday figure in the amount of \$1,183,088.52 (including payroll at \$642,497.59). Dallke seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (Checks #47339-47529; voided checks #47361-047362, 47517.)

ADMINISTRATIVE: Dallke moved to approve the minutes of February 21st. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- **Inventory Approval:** Dallke moved to accept the 2022 County inventory. Gehring seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- After discussion, the Board agreed that the Marion County Land Bank is eligible to apply for the reduced disposal fee for construction and demolition waste.
- Area Fuel Bids were presented:

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3
	1,400 gals.	1,950 gals.	1,950 gals.
Epp's Service, Elbing	3.0590 = \$4,282.60	3.1590 = \$6,160.05	3.0490 = \$5,945.55
MFA Oil, Lincolnville	3.2700 = \$4,578.00	3.2500 = \$6,337.50	3.2700 = \$6,376.50
- Transport Fuel Bids were presented:

	Tank #3	Tank #1	Unleaded	
	4,000 gals.	1,500 gals.	2,500 gals.	Total
Epp's Service, Elbing	3.1325	2.8925	2.5507	\$23,245.50
MFA Oil, Lincolnville	3.5237	3.0657	2.7546	\$25,579.85

Dallke moved to accept the low bid for all three areas and for transport fuel from Epp's Service at \$16,388.20 and \$23,245.50. Becker seconded and motion carried 5-0.

PARK & LAKE – DAM UPDATE: Supt. Isaac Hett reported that the County has received the state permit and approved plans to repair the erosion on the dam. The next step is to solicit bids. After discussion, Mueller moved to have Sustainable Environmental Consultants prepare the bid package (which should be presented to the Board prior to distribution). Gehring seconded and motion carried 5-0. Session recessed until 10:00 a.m.

EMS / CO. COUNSELOR – CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: EMS Director Curt Hasart and Joe House, Executive Director of Kansas Board of EMS joined the session. Co. Counselor Brad Jantz joined via teleconference. Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss contract negotiation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (2) for consultation with our attorney on matters deemed privileged under attorney/client privilege for 45 minutes with the Board, Jantz, Hasart, House, and Spencer present. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: Comm. Becker said the South-Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD) has been operating at a large loss for the last two years due to excessive overhead costs. Becker said that if things don't improve, he might not recommend continued membership for Marion County. Dallke indicated that he has seen the overhead costs increasing for the Mid-Cap Board as well.

PERSONNEL: Mueller moved to recess into executive session to discuss personnel/performance pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319b (1) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with only the Board present for one hour and ten minutes until 12:00 p.m. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed with no action.

Becker moved to adjourn. Dallke seconded and motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

David Mueller, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tina D. Spencer, County Clerk